

The stated intention of Sinclair Broadcasting to require local television stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary "Stolen Honor" just days before the presidential election is biased and unethical. Sinclair's free access to public airwaves comes with a responsibility to present programming that is not motivated simply by private interest and corporate greed. Companies that take advantage of public faith in this manner should be held to the FCC standards of accountability.

Please recognize that these actions by Sinclair are meant to influence one of the most fundamental institutions of our democratic society. Coercive tactics that gag free speech are unacceptable. I urge you to do everything in your power to discipline companies like Sinclair and ensure that our nation's election process is allowed to continue unfettered. Voters deserve access to a diversity of opinions based on factual reporting, which is clearly not Sinclair's intent.